

**My name is Marc Ruby from Hamden and I strongly oppose SB 1017. This hearing is extremely important to Connecticut gun owners and pistol permit applicants alike.**

**In 2010, a very similar bill was proposed and rejected because of its numerous flaws. Putting the BFPE under the State Police will allow them to control what is established as an unbiased review of police actions and due process. The State Police will also be able to rewrite the Board's regulations and the rules that govern the Board's procedures. Some police prefer not to issue permits to civilians at all and clearly regard the Board as an adversary. Most importantly, this would lead to a reduction in, if not an elimination of, the inherent fairness of the Board's operating principles that was put in place to function by the Legislature to function as a Civilian Review Board. The public perception of the Board as an independent, autonomous body, free from oversight and control of the DPS or the State Police, where any citizen can get a fair and impartial hearing, will be destroyed.**

**If approved, an applicant who is denied a pistol permit would have to appeal to the very body, the Department of Public Safety, that denied the permit. SB 1017 should be denied for it is unnecessary, unreasonable, and unfair.**

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